

## Species and Specifics

- **Species:** Ducks, geese, coots, tundra (whistling) swans, and pheasants may be hunted. Hunting any other wildlife species is prohibited. The hunting of furbearers (fox, raccoon, skunk, etc.) is PROHIBITED.
- **Limits:** Current State and Federal regulations apply for season, hours, bag and possession limits. Consult the Utah Waterfowl Proclamation for a complete list of state regulations.
- **Swans:** A special Utah State Permit is required for hunting tundra swans. Swan hunting is permitted in all open hunt units of the Refuge. However, from November 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of the swan season, the northwest corner of Unit 2 (see map) is open only to hunters possessing a current swan permit. Hunters who take or attempt to take tundra swans anywhere on Bear River Refuge may not use or possess more than 10 shot shells per day.
- **Retrieval:** Hunters may not enter closed areas to retrieve birds. Be sure to allow enough room between the closed area boundary and where you are hunting to retrieve your birds.

## Refuge Rules

- **Fires:** Open fires are NOT allowed anywhere on the Refuge.
- **Camping:** Camping is NOT allowed anywhere on the Refuge
- **Litter:** Please pack out any trash you generated during your hunt. Spent shot shells are litter and should be packed out with you.
- **Closing:** The Refuge is closed two hours after the end of shooting hours (sunset). Decoys, boats, vehicles, and other personal property may not be left on the Refuge overnight.
- **Trespassing:** Respect private property along the Refuge boundary. Do not cross the Refuge boundary to retrieve downed birds.

## Equipment & Vehicles

- **Firearms:** When hunters are in their vehicles, at parking lots, or traveling on Refuge roads, all firearms must be completely unloaded (including the magazine) and cased or dismantled. No hunting or shooting is allowed within 100 yards of primary Refuge roads, parking areas, or observation platforms.
- **Shot:** Non-toxic shot is required for all hunting on the Refuge (including pheasant hunting).
- **Boats:** Air boats are permitted only in Unit 9 and two small areas south of Units 7& 8. (see map). Small motor boats are permitted in all hunt units. Utah State laws pertaining to the required registration and safety equipment apply. **Boats may be launched at designated boat ramps only.**
- **Blinds:** The use of pit and permanent blinds is not permitted. Only temporary blinds made out of natural materials are permitted on the Refuge. All blinds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of who set up the blind. Blinds may not be built on the Refuge prior to the opening day of hunting season.
- **Scouting:** Entering hunt units prior to the opening day of hunting season is prohibited.
- **Vehicles:** Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the Refuge. Motorized off-road wheeled or tracked vehicles, such as motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), may not be used on the refuge. ATV use may be granted (by special use permit) to disabled individuals for access to the disabled access hunting blind located in Unit 10.
- **Parking:** **Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only, and is strictly enforced.** Space in some lots is limited to prevent crowding in popular hunt areas.
- **Disabled Access Hunting Blind:** A disabled access hunting blind, located in Unit 10, is available to disabled individuals by special use permit. Call the Refuge Office at (435) 723-5887, Ext 17 for information.

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## Hunting Guidelines

2003-2004 Season

